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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed February 27, 2004, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from May 27, 2004 to July 27, 2004.

Please charge the amount of \$210 to cover the required extension fee, and any additional fees or credit any over-payment to PTO Deposit Account No. 13-4895.

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